

# Senate Resolution 145 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY HATCH, McCOY, ZAUN, and DEARDEN  
1 3 A Resolution to honor the Drake University men's basketball  
1 4 coach Keno Davis.  
1 5 WHEREAS, Coach Keno Davis began his career by  
1 6 serving six years as assistant coach at Southeast  
1 7 Missouri State University, and in 2003 joined his  
1 8 legendary father, Dr. Tom Davis, as part of the Drake  
1 9 men's basketball coaching staff; and  
1 10 WHEREAS, building on the work of his father, Keno  
1 11 Davis assumed the head coaching position in 2007 and  
1 12 immediately led the team to its first appearance in  
1 13 NCAA's national tournament since 1971, defeating  
1 14 Illinois State University 79=49 in the Missouri Valley  
1 15 Conference championship game; and  
1 16 WHEREAS, the Bulldogs, with that victory in the  
1 17 Missouri Valley Conference tournament, and with a  
1 18 record of 28 wins and 4 losses, became one of the top  
1 19 20 basketball teams in the nation; and  
1 20 WHEREAS, Coach Maury John, who took the Drake  
1 21 University men's basketball team to the NCAA Final  
1 22 Four in 1969 and the Midwest Regional final in 1970  
1 23 and 1971, would be proud to see the talent, the  
1 24 dedication, and the fire of today's team and the young  
1 25 coach who has taken them so far and so fast; and  
1 26 WHEREAS, just completing his first year as head  
1 27 coach, Keno Davis has been named the Missouri Valley  
1 28 Conference Coach of the Year and The Sporting News  
1 29 College Basketball Coach of the Year and was given the  
1 30 Henry Iba Coach of the Year Award by the U.S.  
2 1 Basketball Writers Association; and  
2 2 WHEREAS, Keno Davis has been named the Associated  
2 3 Press National Coach of the Year for 2007=2008, only  
2 4 the third first-year coach to win that award; NOW  
2 5 THEREFORE,  
2 6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
2 7 honors Coach Keno Davis, a worthy successor to his  
2 8 father and to the memory of Maury John, for being  
2 9 named coach of the year by both the Missouri Valley  
2 10 Conference and Sporting News; and  
2 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the  
2 12 Senate thanks Coach Davis for the honor he has brought  
2 13 to Drake University, to Bulldog fans everywhere, and  
2 14 to his home state of Iowa.  
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